

Anno. xiiij. Regine Elizabeth.

**¶ At the parliament
begunne and holden**

at westminster the eighth of Maye,
in the. xiiij. yere of the raigne of our most
gracious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth,
by the grace of God, of Englande,
Fraunce, and Ireland Queene,
defendour of the fayth. &c.
and there continued un-
tyll the last of June
folowynge.

To the high pleasure of almightie
God, and the weale publique
of this Realme, were
enacted as fo-
loweth,

1572.

The Table.



- 1 An Acte for the punishment of suche as shall rebelliously take or detayne, or conspire to take or detayne from the Queenes Maestie, any of her castles, towres, fortresses, holdes, &c.
- 2 An Acte agaynst suche as shall conspire or practice the enlargement of any prisoner committed for high treason.
- 3 An Acte agaynst the forging and counterfeiting of forraigne coygne, beyng not currant within this Realme.
- 4 An Acte to reuue a statute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maesties raigne, inhibiting the caryng of leather, tallowe, & raw hydes out of the Realme.
- 5 An Acte for the punishment of bacaboundes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.
- 6 An Acte for the explanacion of a statute made agaynst fugitives ouer the seas, in the xiiij. yere of the Queenes Maesties raigne.
- 7 An Acte agaynst the deceiptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and subsidies of the Cleargie.
- 8 An Acte for the auoyding of recoveries suffered by collusion by tenants for terme of lyfe, and suche others.
- 9 An Acte declaring that the tennaunt and defendannt, may haue a tales de circumstantibus, aswel as the demaundant or playntiffe.
- 10 An Acte to resourme the excessive length of Carreyes.
- 11 An Acte for the continuation, explanation, perfitting, and enlarging of diuers statutes.
- 12 An Acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno. viii. of the Queenes Maesties raigne, touching the Towne of Shrewsburie.
- 13 An Acte for the annexing of Bergham and Bergham Shire to the Countie of Northumberlande.

An Act for the punish-

**Spire to take or detain from the Queenes Maie-
tie, any other Castles, Townes, Forts, or
Chapels.**



OR the better moving of
all such unlawful practices, se-
crete contrivances and deames, ad-
 lately haile deume stirred and me-
ured by some evil disposed persons,
against our most gracious So-
ueraigne Lady the Queene, in
seeking by false contrivances, and
unlawfull meanes, to surpris and
take from her Maestie some of
her Castles, Townes, Fortresses,
Shippes, Ordnances, Artilla-

and other munitions of warre: be it enacted by the Queenes
 excellent Maiestie, with thallent of the Loydes Spirituall
 and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament
 assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that if any person or
 persons whatsoever, at any tyme hereafter do within this
 Realme, or els where, unlawfully, & of his or their owne auctho-
 ritie compasse, imagine, conspire, practise, or deuise, by any waies
 or meanes, with force, or by any craft, device, or sleight, maliciously
 and rebelliously, to take, or to destroye, or keepe from our sapde
 Soueraigne Lady the Queene, any of her Castles, Townes, For-
 tresses, or holdes, or maliciously and rebelliously to take, burne,
 destroye any Castle, Bulwerke, or forte, or any part of them, ha-
 ving any munition or ordinaunce of the Queenes Maiesties
 Armie, or appointed to be garded with any souldiers for defence
 thereof within this Realme, or within any of her Maiesties do-
 minions or countreys, or the marches of the same, and the same
 compasses, imaginations, practises, conspiracies, or deuises, or
 any of them, shall and do aduisedly by any expresse wordes, speech,
 or dedde, or writing, expresse, utter, or declare, for any the maliti-
 ous and rebellious intentes aforesayde: that then euery such per-

son and persons, so hereafter offending in anye the premises, their aydoers, counsellours, comforters, countenours, and abettours, knowing thereof, beyng thereof lawfully convicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe iudged a felon, and felons, and that every such offence shalbe iudged to be felonie; & the offender & offendours therein, their said aydoers, comforters, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, shal have a suffer paynes of death, as in cases of felonie, without hauyng any benefite of cleargie or sanctuarie, and also shal forsayte and lose all his goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes, as in other cases of felonie hath ben used and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesayde, that any person or persons, be at any tyme hereafter with force, malitiously and rebelliously, betrayne, keepe, or withholde, from the Queenes Maestie, any of her Castles, Townes, Fortresses, or holdes, within this Realme, or within any her Maesties dominions or Colonies, or Marches of the same: or do unlawfully, rebelliously, and with force betrayne, keepe, or withholde from her Maestie, any of her Shippes, Ordinaunce, Artillery, or other munitions, or fortifications of warres, & do not render and give by the same to our sayde Sovereigne Lady, or to such person as her Maestie shal appoint to receive the same to her Maesties use, within five dayes next after he or they so offending, shalbe commanded by our sayde Sovereigne Lady the Queen, by open proclamations under the great Seale of Englands, to be made in any place or market to be within the Countie where any such offence shalbe committed: that whosoever, maliciously, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes Shippes, or maliciously, & rebelliously burne, or cause to be burned, any haven within any of the Queenes Maesties dominions: that then every such person and persons so offending, their aydoers, counsellours, & abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe adjudged traitours, and their offences within the premises, shalbe accepted, iudged, and taken to be high treason, & the offendours therein, their aydoers, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shal have and suffer such paynes of death, and also shal forsayte and lose, as in cases of high treason is limited and accustomed: And so to endure during the Queenes Maesties life that now is, only.

And be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesayde, that whosoever, maliciously, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes Shippes, or maliciously, & rebelliously burne, or cause to be burned, any haven within any of the Queenes Maesties dominions: that then every such person and persons so offending, their aydoers, counsellours, & abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted, according to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe adjudged traitours, and their offences within the premises, shalbe accepted, iudged, and taken to be high treason, & the offendours therein, their aydoers, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully convicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shal have and suffer such paynes of death, and also shal forsayte and lose, as in cases of high treason is limited and accustomed: And so to endure during the Queenes Maesties life that now is, only.

An Acte agaynst suche

as shal conspire or practise the enlargement of any prisoner, committed for hygh treason,

Chapter. ij.



Orasmuch as great daunger may ensue to the Queenes Maiesties person, and great trouble to the state of the Realme, by unlawfull conspiracies, deuises, and imaginacions, to enlarge and set at libertie such persons, as be, or shalbe committed to anye prison, garde, or custodie, for anye treason touching the royall person of our sayde soueraigne Lady,

agaynst whiche deuises, conspiracies, and imaginacions, sufficient remedie by the lawes of this Realme, hath not ben heretofore had, ne provided, vnlesse the same conspiracies, imaginacions, and deuises, were executed and brought to effect: Be it therefore enacted by our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that if anye person, or persons, at anye tyme after the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or goe about unlawfully and maliciously, to enlarge, or set at libertie, anye person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, by her hyghnesse especial commaundement for any treason, or suspicion of treason, concerning the person of our sayde soueraigne Lady & Queene, before any inditement of such person, so sought or intended to be set at large, or libertie, as is aforesayde, and the same conspiracies, imaginacions, deuises, or inuentions, shal by expresse wordes, wytyng, or other matter, or acte, expressely, or manifestly, set forth, better, or declare: that then euery person so offending, shal incurre the penaltie and forfayture of misprision of treason, and that all and euery offence and offences to be committed and donne, as is aforesayde, shalbe deemed and taken for misprision

misprision of Treason.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously, to enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any prison, gard, or custodie, beyng, or whiche hereafter shall be indicted of any treason, in any wyse concerning the person of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, or other matter, or acte, expressly or manifestly, set forth, utter, or declare: that then every suche person so offending, shall be deemed and adiudged a felon, and suffer, lose, and forfeyte, as in case of felonye, by the beawe counte of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously to enlarge, or set at libertie any person or persons, beyng committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shall be attainted or convicted of any treason, in any wyse concerning the royal person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, matter, or acte, as is aforesayde, set forth, utter, or declare: that then every suche person so offending, shall be deemed, and adiudged an hygh traitour, and shall suffer, lose, and forfeyte, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes and statutes of this Realme. This act to endure during the Quenes Heires life, that none is, ouer.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the ende of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously to enlarge, or set at libertie any person or persons, beyng committed to any prison, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shall be attainted or convicted of any treason, in any wyse concerning the royal person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse wordes, writing, matter, or acte, as is aforesayde, set forth, utter, or declare: that then every suche person so offending, shall be deemed, and adiudged an hygh traitour, and shall suffer, lose, and forfeyte, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes and statutes of this Realme. This act to endure during the Quenes Heires life, that none is, ouer.

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

Cap.iii.

An Act agaynst the for-

ging and counterfeyting of forraigne coyne, beyng
not currant within this Realme.

Chapter.iii.



Orasmuch as by the lawes or
statutes of this Realme, small or
no condigne punishment is at
this tyme provided for suche euill
disposed persons, as shall coun-
terfayte, or forge suche kynde of
golde or syluer of other Realmes,
as is not the proper coyne of this
Realme, nor currant in payment
withyn this Realme: by reason
whereof, diuers euill disposed per-
sons, as wel without this Realme,

as within, are encouraged and boldened dayly to counterfayte or
forge suche kynde of golde and syluer, and better the same in this
Realme, in great disceyt of her Maiesties subiectes. Be it enacted
by our sayde soveraigne Lady the Queene, the lordes Spirituall
and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament
assembled; and by thauthortie of the same, that if anye person or
persons, hereafter falsely forge or counterfayte anye suche kynde of
coyne of gold or syluer, as is not the proper coyne of this Realme,
nor permitted to be currant within this Realme: that then every
suche offence shalbe deemed and iudged misprision of high trea-
son, and the offendours therein, their procurers, aydours, and
abetours, beyng convict according to the lawes of this Realme
of suche offences, shalbe imprisoned, and forfeytee suche landes,
goodes, and chattelles, as in cases of misprision of treason, for con-
sentment of high treason.

An

An acte to reuiue a statute

made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, inhibiting the carying of leather, tallowe, and rawe hides out of the Realme.

Chapter.iiij.



Here in the Parliament begunne at westminster the. xxiii. day of January, in the first yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady & Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there was one very good act & statute made, prohibiting the transportyng and carying of leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe out of this Realme, entituled, An act, that the carying of leather, tallowe, or rawe hydes out of the Realme for merchandise, shalbe felonie: whiche acte and statute was made to continue but for a certayne tyme, and nowe is expired and determined for want of continuance at the last Parliament. And forasmuche as by experience it hath well appeared, that since the determination of the sayde good lawe and statute, there hath ben, and yet daily is such great transportation of leather, rawe hydes, & tallowe out of this Realme, that thereby great scarcitie & dearth thereof is nowe growen amonges the Queenes Maiesties most loving and obedient subiectes, and specially amonges those of the poore sorte, who are nowe compelled to pay for their bootes and shoes almost double the prysse that they dyd before the determination of the sayde good lawe and statute. For remedie whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporall, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the sayde acte and statute made in the sayd Parliament, begunne the sayd xxiii. day of January, in the sayde first yere, entituled as is before sayde, and al and every braunche, article, clause, and sentence therein conteyned, shall from and after the feast day of saint Bartholomewe thapostle next comming, be reuiued, and stande and be in full force and effect, for, and during the space of. vii. yeres then next folowynge, and also after the ende of the sayde. vii. yeres, then to the end of the next Parliament, next folowynge the end and determination of the sayde. vii. yeres. any thyng heretofore had made, or done, or suffered to the contrary therof, not withstanding.

An

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

Cap. vi

An Act for the punish

ment of vacabondes, and for the releefe of the poore

and impotent.

Chapter x.



Where all the partes of this
Realme of Englande and Wales;
be pestered with rogues, vacabon-
des, and idle beggers exceedingly
plagues, by means wherof daily
happeneth in the same Realme
horrible murders, theftes, and other
great outrages, to the high dis-
pleasure of almighty God, and
to the great annoy of the common
weale, and for auoyding confus-
ion by reason of hubbers of lawes,

concerning the premisses, standing in force together, be it enac-
ted, that the Statute made in the. xiii. yere of the Reigne of the late
king Henry the eighth, intituled, An acte concerning aged, poore
and impotent persons, compelles to lyke by lawes, howe they
shalbe ordered, and how vacabondes and nightie strong beggers
shalbe punished: and one other acte, intituled, An acte touching the
punishment of vacabondes, and other idle persons, made in the third
and fourth yeres of the Reigne of the late king Edward the sixth:
and one other acte made in the fifth yere of the Reigne of our soue-
raigne Lady the Directress Walles that now is, intituled, An
acte for the releefe of the poore, and every branche, article, clause,
and sentence therein, and every of them conteyned, shalbe from
and after the feast of Saint Bartholomew the apostle next com-
ing, utterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

Be it also enacted by the authority of this present parliament, as
well for the better suppressing of the said outrageous enemies to the
common weale, as for the charitable relieving of the aged and impo-
nent poore people, in manner towarde following. First, that at any
any person or persons, whatsoever they be, being above the age
of xiii. yeres, being hereafter hit to touch by this acte of parliament
to be rogues, vacabondes, or nightie beggers, and be at any time af-
ter the feast of Saint Bartholomew the apostle next coming
taken

taken begging in any parte of this Realme, or taken bawdryng, and murthering, and other such contrary to the statute of this present Act of parliament, in any parte of the same, and upon their apprehension, be brought before one of the Justices of the peace, or Mayor, or cheefe Officer of Citie, Borough, and Townes corporate, within the Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate where the apprehencion shal happen to be, and by the sayd Justice or head officer to be presently committed to the common gaole of the sayde Countie, being apprehended within the Countie, or els suche other place as by the Justices of that Countie, or three of them, at any their generall Sessions shalbe appoynted, and if he be taken within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, then to be committed to the prison of the same Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, there to remaine without hable or marriage untill the next Sessions of the peace, or general gaole delivrie for the said Shiere, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, to be holden, whiche shal firste happen and the Constables, or other officers, for the conveying of such roge or vagabond by committment of the sayde Justices, to have such reasonable charges for themselves and the prisoner, from tyme to tyme, borne by the parish or parishes where the sayd roge or vagabond shal happen to be take, as to the discretion of the Justices of peace present at the next assizes, or at the Sessions of the peace then next kept, within the limit where the prisoner is apprehended, shal seeme convenient. And within Sessions or gaole delivrie, if suche person or persons, be duly convicted of his or her roge or vagabondes, trade of life, or other lawfull inquest of Officers, or by the testimonie of two honest and credible witnesses upon their othes: that then immediately he, or she shalbe adjudged to be grievously whipped, and burnt through the grille of the right ear, with a hot iron of the compass of an inch about, manifesting his or her roge or kinde of life, and his or her punishment received by the same, whereof entrie shalbe made of Record by the Clerke of the peace of the same Shiere, in the recordes of the same Sessions, whiche iudgement shal also presently be executed, except some honest person, valued at the last subsidy next before that tyme to fyve poundes in goodes, or twenty shyllynges in landes, or els some such honest household, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe allowed, wyl of his or her own free will be contented presently to take such offendour before the same Justices into his service for one whole yere next following, and to that ende, wyl presently before the sayde Justices, enter into bond by recognisance to thuse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene,

The charges of
the roge to be
borne by the
parish where
the roge is
apprehended.

The first punishment.

Exemption.

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Cap.v.

to pay to our sayde soveraigne Lady, the summe of five poundes, if he sleepeyth not the sayde offendour in his service by the space of the sayde whole yere, and to bring hym or her into the sessions at the peeres ende, or then good proove of his or her death during the sayde yere, the sayde Clarke of the peace, having for the sayde recognisance but. xii. d. onely. And if such roge or bacabounde be taken into service, depart within the sayde yere from the sayde service, agaynst the wyl of hym that so taketh hym or her into service: that then such roge or bacabounde, shalbe whipped & burnt through & gristle of the right eare with a hot iron, as is aforesaid.

Shoulde alwayes neuerthelesse, that if the sayde person be committed, or to be committed, come before the next sessions of the peace, or the next gaole delivrie to be holden for the sayde Countie, or before their committynge, and do fynde any such suretie as is next before recited, to be bounde in fourme aforesaid, for hym or her for one whole yere: then the sayde person shal not tarye in gaole til the next sessions, or til the next gaole delivrie.

And be it further enacted, that the sayde person or persons so marked or adjudged to be burnt, as aforesayde, shall not be deale with againe by way of punishment by the space of fourtie dayes next after the sayde punishment executed, or adjudged to be burnt as is aforesayde, yf he or she have license for the sayde fourtie dayes from two Justices of the peace of the same Shyre, testifying the punishment receaved, or iudgement geuen: but if after the sayde punishment executed, or iudgement geuen, the sayde person or persons so marked or having receaved such iudgement, do after thre score dayes next after he, she, or they, shall so be marked, either in the same Countie where he or she was so marked, or having receaved such iudgement, or els in any other Countie within the sayde Realme of Englande or Wales, beyng of the age of threene peeres or above, do eftsones sal agayne to any kynde of roge or bacaboundes trade of lyfe: that then the sayde roge, bacabounde, or sturdie begger, from thencefoorth to be taken, adjudged and deemed in all respectes as a felon, and shall in all degrees receave, have, suffer, and forsayte as a felon, except some honest person valued at the last Subsidie next before that tyme to some poundes in goodes, or fourtie shyllynges in landes, or els some such honest housholder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe allowed, of mere charitie shall be contented before such Justices, as the sayde bacabounde or shall be arraigned of felonie, to take hym or her into his service for

*Owys punished ys
to be spared for
xl dayes nex following*

*After 14 days muly
to be punished. as
felone*

for two whole yeres then next folowing, and then before the same Justices, wyl then presently put in bonde by recognisance of tennie poundes, to be leuyed of his landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattelles, to shude of our sayde soueraigne Lady, yf he keepeth not the sayde offendour in his seruice for two whole yeres, and hyng him or her vnto the sessions at the sayde two yeres ende, or good prooffe of his or her death. And if such roge or bacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the same two yeres from his or her sayde seruice, agaynst the wyl of hym that so tooke hym or her into seruice: that then suche roge or bacabounde, shalbe taken, adjudged, and deemed, as a felon in all respectes, and shall in all degrees, haue, suffer, and forsayte as a felon, without alio- uaince or benefite of Clergie or Sanctuarie. And if such roge or bacabounde, after fourtye dayes next after he or she shalbe two severall tymes taken into seruice, as is aforesayde, do ryther in the sayde Countie, or els where efflones the thirde tyme fall agayne to a kynde of rogish or bacabounde trade of lyfe: that then suche roge or bacabounde shalbe adjudged and deemed for a felon, and suffer paynes of death, and losse of landes and goodes as a felon, without alio uaince or benefite of Clergie or Sanctuarie.

And for the full expellyng, what person and persons shalbe intended within this braunch to be roges, bacaboundes, and sturdie beggers, to haue and receaue the punishment aforesayde, for the sayde lewde maner of lyfe: it is now published, declared, and set forth by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery suche person and persons, that be or utter themselves to be Proctours or Procuratours, goyng in or about anye Countrey or Countreys within this Realme, without sufficient auctoritie, deryued from, or vnder our soueraigne Lady the Queene: and all other idle persons goyng about in any Countrey of the sayde Realme, blyng subtyll, craftie, and vnlawfull games or playes, and some of them saymyng them selues to haue knowledge in Whisnomie, Palmefre, or other abused sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande they can tell their destenies, deathes, and fortunes, and suche other lyke fantastickall imaginations: and all and euery person and persons, beyng whole and myghtie in body, and able to labour, hauyng not lande or maister, nor blyng any lawfull merchandise, craft, or mysterie, whereby he or she myght get his or her lyuyng, and can geue no rechenyng howe he or she doth lawfully

Clergie and
Scyntrayge
breced

Who shalbe
taken for
Roges.

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Shall get his or her living: & al sencers, beare wards, common play-
ers in enterludes, & mynstrels, not belongyng to any Baron of
this Realme, or to wards any other honorable personage of grea-
ter degree, al tuglers, pedlers, tinkers & petie chapmen, which sayd
sencers, beare wards, common players in enterludes, mynstrels,
tuglers, pedlers, tinkers, & petie chapmen, shal wander abroad,
and have not licence of two Justices of the peace of the laste
whereof one to be of the Quorum, where and in what shire they
shal happen to wander: and al common labourers, being persons
able in bodye, byng loyterryng, and refusing to worke for suche
reasonable wages as is taxed, and commonly given, in suche
portes where suche persons do or shal happen to dwel: and al
counterfeitures of licences, passeportes, and al others of the same,
knowyng the same to be counterfeyte: and al scollers of the univ-
ersities of Oxforde or Cambridge, that go about begging, not
beinge authorised under the Seale of the sayde universities,
by the Commisarie, Chancelour, or vice Chancelour of the
same: and al shippemen, pretending losses by Sea, other then
such as shalbe hereafter provided for: and al persons delivered out
of gaols, that begge for theyr fees, or do trouble to theyr Coun-
ties or frendes, not hauyng licence from two Justices of
the peace of the same Countie where he or she was delivered:
shalbe taken, adjudged, and deemed rogues, vagaboundes, and
such beggers, intended of by this present acte, together with al
inducerye suche other person and persons, as shalbe hereafter for
aluring and breaking of suche good orders as in the seconde part
of this presente acte shalbe established for the releefe of the aged
and impotent poore people, set forth and declared to be hacha-
bundes.

And further be it enacted, that yf any person or persons, after
the laste feast of saint Bartholomewe, give anye harborough,
money, or lodgyng, or any other releefe to any roge, vagabounde,
or sturdie begger, eyther marked as before, or not marked, not ha-
uyng suche a licence, as is before recited, from two Justices of the
peace then in continuance, and that duly procured before the
Justices of the peace at theyr quarter sessions: shall make suche
fine to the Quenes Maestie, as by the discretion of the sayde
Justices, or the more part of them, at theyr general sessions shalbe
advised, so as the same exceede not twenty shyllinges. And also
yf any person or persons do disturbe or let the execution of this acte
in any manner of wise, or make rescuile against any Mayor, Sher-
iffe, Bayliffe, or other person, that shal endeavour hym self, for
or about the due execution hereof, shal forfeite & lose five payntes,
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and over that, that hath imprisonment at the Quenes Pleas
ties pleasure.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng herein con-
teyned, shal extende to make any person or persons attorrie, or
accessaries to the sayde felonies made by this statute, nor that
any attainer by any the felonies aforesayd, shal worke or be any
corruption of blood in the issues or lyne of the person attainted.

Provided also, that it shalbe styl lawfull to al masters and go-
vernours of the Hospitales, to lodge or harbour anye impotent
or aged person or persons of charitie, or almes, accordyng to the
foundation, and to geue money in almes, in as large maner as
they are bounde to do by thei foundation, to anye such aged or
impotent person: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in
any wyse, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that shipmen, and souldiers, having licence
of the next two Justices of the peace to the place where they first
happened to lande, or where they first entred into this Realme,
shal and may passe accordyng to the purpose of thei licence, and
intent of this acte of parliament: any thyng herein conteyned to
the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

Item also further provided, that no licence recited in this sta-
tute, shal geue anye maner libertie, or be of any maner force, but
only in the Shire wherof the graunter or graunters of suche li-
cence shalbe Justice or Justices of peace, wherfore if the sayd par-
tie licensed, wil have any further passage without the danger of
this lawe, then the Shire where his first licence is granted, it
shalbe behoudful for him to procure and get in every other Shire
where he intendeth to passe, one other licence from two Justices
of the peace of the sayde Shire, and so from Shire to Shire, to
the ende of his journey. Be it also provided, that this acte, nor any
thyng therein conteyned, do in any wyse extende to any Cookes,
or harner folkes, that travaile into any Countrey of this realme
for harner worke, eyther come harner, or hay harner, if they do
worke and labour accordyngly, neyther yet to any that happeneth
to be robbed or spoyled by the way, neyther yet to any serving men
that be of honest behauiour, that be turned from their masters, or
whose maister or maistresse shalbe dead, for the space of five mo-
nethes next after suche turnyng away, or death of such maister or
maistresse, so as every such serving man hath a testimonial from
his maister or maistresse, or from two Justices of the peace of the
same Countie, declaringe suche turnyng away, or suche death of
his maister or maistresse.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to the lord Chamber-
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our or loade keeper of the great seale of Englande for the tyme being, to make licence vnder the sayde great Seale, as heretofore hath ben accustomed, and that the sayde licence and licences, shall as largely extende as the contentes of them wyl beate any thing hereto the contrary in any wyle, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to make frustrate or boyde any false commodity, possession, or licence, made and graunted, or to be made and graunted by the Lorde Departe of Irelande, or by the Lorde gouernour of the Townes and Barions of Barwyke, or Carlisle, for the tyme being, or any other chiefe captayne or gouernour of any Castle, fortrell of the Queenes Maiestie, or by any other in their absence hauyng the charge of the sayde Townes and Barions, or by any the Guardians of the three Marches to witten Scotlande, or by any Generall, Lieutenannt, or other chiefe officer appoynted by the Queenes Maiestie to haue the charge and conduction of any Arme, Barion, or power of men, whome or to be leuied by her highnesse order and appoyntment, and in the special service and affayres of her Maiestie, her heyles or lieutenants, or by any private captayne vpon the dispersing of any wyle, only to any souldiour or souldiours, or any other person or persons what so euer, within this her Realmes of Englande and Irelande, passing by vertue thereof about his or their lawfull busynesse and affayres: but that he or they shall and may quietly without any let or disturbance, enioy the benefite, effect, and tyme waaying thereof, in as large and ample manner and forme, as heretofore it hath ben vsed and accustomed: any thing to this present acte mentioned to the contrary in any wyle, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wyle extende to the punishment of any suche person or persons, as by this statute are limited for Roges, vnielke the same be of the age of fourteene yeres or aboue, but that they and euery of them vnder that age, shall be punished with whipping or stockyng, as heretofore hath ben vsed and appoynted by the lawes and statutes in that case provided, & none repaled: this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyle, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that within any Towne or Parithe, where any suche vncabounded wroge shall happen to begge, or make his abode, contrary to the

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fourme of this statute, yf the Constable or Cyttyng men be negligent, and do not his or their best endeavour for the apprehension of suche vacabounde or roge, whiche there shall begge or make abode, contrary to the fourme in this statute limited, or than they lyngly suffer the saide vacabounde or roge to escape from the punishment or order in this statute prescribed: that the said Constable or Cyttyng man in whom such default shalbe, shall lose and forfeite for every suche vacabounde and vagrant person, that shalbe suffered to begge, or make abode within his auctoritie, contrary to the fourme of this statute, vi. s. with a fine as muche as charitie maye, that poore, aged, and impotent persons shoulde as necessarily be provided for, as the sayde roge, vacaboundes, and sturdy beggers repressed, and that the sayde aged, impotent, and poore people shoulde have convenient habitations and abiding places throughout this realme to settle them selves upon, to the ende that they, nor any of them shoulde hereafter begge, or wander about: It is therefore enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Justices of peace at and without the Cyties of Englande and Wales, within the limittes of their commissions, and al other Justices of the peace, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of al and every shire, borough, ward, and franchise within this realme, whome they be Justices at peace within the limittes of their auctoritie, shall at, or before the sayde feast of Saint Bartholomewe next coming, divide them selves, and so being divided, shall within every of their severall divisions and auctorities, make diligent searche and enquire of all aged, poore, impotent, and decayed persons, bothe within their sayde divisions and limittes, as whiche were there dwelling within three yeeres next before the said Parliament, whiche live, or of necessity be compelled to live by almes of the charitie of the people, that be or shalbe abiding within the limittes of their commissions and auctorities: and shall upon that searche made, make a register booke, containing the names & surnames of al such aged, decayed, and impotent poore people, as be within their sayde limittes and auctorities, which shall alwayes remaine with the sayde Justices, Mayors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, or any one of them. And when the number of the sayde poore people forced to live upon almes, be by that meanes truly knowen, then the said Justices, Mayors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, shall within like convenient tyme, devise and appoynt within every the sayde severall divisions, meete and convenient places by their discretions, to settle

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Let the same poore people for their habitations and abidinge
of the parische within the whiche they shalbe founde shall not
wyl not provide for them, and shall also within lyke convenient
tyme, number all the sayde poore people within the sayde seve-
rall limittes: and thereupon (havinge regarde to the number) let
downe what portion the weekly charge towards the reliefe and
sustentation of the sayde poore people wyl amount unto, within
every their sayde severall divisions and limittes: and that donne,
they the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other
officers, within every their severall commissions, authorites,
divisions, and limittes, shal by their good discretions take and as-
sess all and every the inhabitauntes dwelling in al and every
Cittie, Borough, Towne, Village, Hamlet, and place knowen
within the sayde limittes and divisions, to such weekly charge,
as they and every of them shall weekly contribute towards the
reliefe of the sayde poore people: and the names of all suche inha-
bitauntes taxed, shall also enter into the sayde register booke to-
gether with their taxation: and also shall by their discretion,
within every their sayde divisions and limittes, appoynt oꝛ les-
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weekly portion, whiche shall collect & gather the sayd proporti-
on, and make delivurie of so much thereof, accordyng to the dis-
cretion of the sayde Justices, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and
other officers to the sayde poore people, as the sayde Justices, Ma-
iors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers shall appoynt them:
And also shall appoynt overseers of the sayde poore people by their
discretions, to continue also for one whole yeeꝛe: and if they doo
refuse to be overseers, then every of them so refusing, to forsaye
tyme wyllynges for every suche default.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that
the Maior of the Cittie of London, and the Maiors, Sheriffes,
Bayliffes, and other head officers of every other Cittie, Borough,
or Towne corporate, oꝛ his oꝛ the sayde sufficient deputie oꝛ deputies
within their Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, and the
Constables oꝛ Tything men of all and every Hundred, Rape, and
Wapentake, within all and every the sayde tyres in Englande
and Wales, in al and every suche abyding place and places with-
in their hundredes, limittes, and precinctes, as shalbe appoynted
to lette the poore people in, shal once every moneth next after the
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sayde places so appoynted be inhabited with the sayde poore people, according to the intent of this present acte of Parliament, make a view and searche of all the aged, impotent, and lame persons within the precinct of their jurisdictions: and all suche person and persons as they shall finde not being borne within that division, nor within the same Cities, Borowghes, or Townes corporate, then shall they presently see the same poore people not there borne, nor dwelling within the sayd thre yeeres (except leproous people, and beddyed people) to be conveyed on horsebacke, in cart, or other wyse, as shall seeme best to their discretions, to the next Constable, and so from Constable to Constable the direct way; till the sayde person and persons be brought to the place where he or she was borne, or moste conversant by the space of thre yeeres next before, and there to be put in the abiding place, or one of the abiding places in that Countrey appoynted, or to be appoynted for the habitation of the poore people of that countrey, there to be provided, kept, and nourished of almes; as is aforesayde, upon payne of twentie shillinges every the sayde officer that neglecting.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any of the sayde poore people, upon the appoyntment of the sayde Justices or other officers, refuse to be bestowed in any of the sayde abiding places before mentioned, but couer still to holde on their trade of begging: or after they be once bestowed in the sayde abiding place or places, doo depart and begge: then the sayde person and persons so offending, for the first offence to be accounted a roge or vacabounde, and to suffer as a roge or vacabounde in the first degree of punishment set forth by this acte, in all poyntes: And if he, she, or they doo the seconde tyme offend, then to be esteemed as a roge or vacabound, and to suffer as a roge or vacabound in the last degree of punishment set forth by this acte, in all poyntes.

And it is further enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, that if any manner of person or persons appoynted and elected to be Collectours, as is aforesayde, shall refuse the sayde office, or shall after he hath agreed to it neglect the same, he shall forfeite and lose for every offence to the use of the poore of the same place fourtie shillinges, of lawfull money of Englande, to be levied by distresse, or recovered by action, byll, playnt, or information;

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In any Court of recorde, or lordes Court, by the hygh Constables or Cithing men aforesayde: In whiche suite, no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed or adducted to the party defendants. And if the sayde hygh Constables, shalbe remisse or negligent to sue, or shal refuse to sue the sayde Collectours and any of them within two monethes next after such refusal, or diligence in or by the sayde Collectour that then the sayde hygh Constables or Cithing men, shal forsayte and lose five poundes of lawfull money of Englande, to thurt of the poore of the same place, to be sued for, by a in the name of two of the next Justices to the sayde place or places, beyng out of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: if within, then by the Mayor, Baylives, or other head officers of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of recorde or Lordes Court, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in whiche no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

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And further be it enacted, that the sayde Collectours, and any of them, to be chosen, as is aforesayde, shall make their true accompt half yearly of their sayde collection and gathering, to two Justices of the peace, dwelling next to the sayde abiding place or places, not beyng within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to the Mayor, Sherriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they come to their offices, they shall deliver, or cause to be delivered forthwith upon their accomptes, all such surplusages of their collection & gathering, as shall then remaine vndistributed, to be ordained by the said Justices, Mayors, Baylives, or other head officers, upon the saide payne of tenne poundes. If any such Collectour shall refuse to make his sayde accompt, or neglect the same, by the space of fourtene dayes after request to hym therfore made: then the sayde two Justices, or one of them, to commit the sayde Collectour to the next gaile for the sayde Countie, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, tyll he haue made his sayde accompt, and immediat payment and deliuerie of all such surplusages as he hath receaved.

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And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, beyng able to further this charitable worke, will obstinately refuse to give towarde the helpe and releefe of the sayde poore people, or willfully discourage others from so charitable a derde: the sayde

sayde obstinate person or wyllfull discourager, shall presently be brought before two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of the same Countie, to be w^e the cause of his obstinate refusal, or wyllfull discouragement, and to abyde suche order there in, as the sayde justices shall appoynt: yf he refuse so to doo, then to be committed to the next gaole for the sayde Shire, there to remaine untill he be contented with the sayde order, and to paye fourme the same.

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And it is also further enacted, that if any of the sayde aged and impotent persons, not being so diseased, lame, or impotent, but that they may worke in some manner of worke, shalbe by the overseers of their sayde abyding place appoynted to worke, if they refuse, then in fourme aforesayde to be whipped and bodied for their first refusal, and for their seconde refusal to be punished as in case of vagaboundes in the sayde first degree of punishment.

23 Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that three Justices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of and with the surplusages of the sayde collections and forfeitures, (the sayde poore and impotent people satisfied and provided for) shall by their discretions, which convenient place and places within their sayde Shires as they shall thinke meete, place and settle to worke the rogges and vagaboundes that shalbe disposed to worke, horne within their sayde Countie, or there abyding for the most parte within the sayde three peeres, there to be holden to worke by the oversight of the sayde overseers, to get their lyvinges, and to lyve and to be susteyned onely upon their labour and travaile.

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Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if any beggers chylde, being above the age of fyve yerres, and under fourteene yerres, being male or female, shalbe lyked of by any subject of this Realme of honest calling, who shalbe willing to take the sayde chylde into service, the sayde subject shall at the next generall sessions to be holden for the sayde Countie, by order of the Justices there, or the moste part of them, have the sayde chylde bounde with hym: if it be a man chylde, till the age of four and twentie yerres, if it be a woman chylde, till the age of eyghtene yerres. If the chylde do after departe, or be taken, or be rescued from the sayde master or mistress,

and allowed for the sayde poore, to aske, gather, and receive within suche other Towne, parische, or parishes of the sayde Countie, as the sayd Justices, or the most part of them, shal thin in their sayde Session assembled, shall especially name, appoint, limit and assigne, the charitable deuotion, names, of the innis or houses of the inhabitantes of suche towne, parische, or parishes, by the sayde Justices named, appointed, limited, or assigned, so that they do appoint the sayde poore so to be releued only within the Townes and parishes beyng within the diuision of the same Justices that so shal geue suche license, or license: and that the inhabitantes of every suche parische or parishes, to the which suche poore or impotent persons shalbe so appointed, in the sayde, shalbe coerced and bounde by vertue of this acte, under suche payne as to the discretion of the sayde Justices then in their session assembled, or the most part of them, shal seeme convenient, to releue the sayde poore and impotent persons, in due sort, as the sayde Justices there assembled shall appoint.

And be it further enacted, that if it shal happen anye Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more impotent and poore folkes, not able to labour, then the sayde Citie or Towne able to releue, & the sayd Citie or Towne corporate is a Countie of it selfe, or situate, or standyng in one Countie, & immediately adioynyng to another, that in those Cities, or Townes, & Palaces, or houses, officers of the sayde Citie or Towne, shall make certificate to the Justices of the Countie adioynyng to the sayd Citie or Towne, & the same Justices of the sayde adioynyng Countie or Counties, in their generall Sessions of the peace, shal geue license, and followe the order aboue remembred, accordyng as other Justices of the Countie in the which any Towne or parische adioynyng standeth, are before limited, and authorized to do.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that al and every summe & summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of London, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, shalbe payde into the gouernour of the Hospitall, called the Hospitall of Christes Church, within the sayde Citie of London, for the tyme beyng, & shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed, and bestowed, for the releefe of the poore of the same Citie, accordyng to their wisdomes and discretions: any thing in this statute contrarie to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctorite afore sayde, that al and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth

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to be collected or gathered within the citie of Couentrie, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this act, towarde the mayntenance and releefe of the Hospitall of poore people, erected in the same citie, shalbe payd vnto suche gouernour & gouernours of the said Hospitall, as now is, or hereafter shalbe admitted & appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the sayde citie of Couentrie, or the more part of them, for the tyme being, and suche gouernour and gouernours so admitted and appointed, as is aforesayd, shal from tyme to tyme distribute and bestowe for the releefe of the poore within the sayde citie, the sayde summe or summes of money, according to theyr wysdomes & discretions: any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

It is also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and euery summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be payde, collected, or gathered, within the citie of Gloucester, liberties, and limittes of the same citie, for, and towarde the reliefe of the poore, and al and euery other releefe which shalbe due and payable, or is to be yeelded within the sayde citie, liberties, or limittes, for, and towarde the releefe of the sayde poore, shalbe from tyme to tyme payde and deliuered, or other wyse shall stande and be at the only rule, order, and disposition of the president and gouernours of the Hospitall of saint Bartholomew, of the foundation of our now moste gracious soueraine Lady Queene Elizabeth, within the sayde citie of Gloucester, for the tyme being, and shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed, and bestowed for the releefe of the poore of the sayde citie, according to theyr wysdomes and discretions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Bisshope of euery diocesse, or his Chauncelour for the tyme being, shall yerelely visite all Hospitalles in the diocesse of suche Bisshope, where no visitour by the founder or founders is appointed, yf the founder of the sayde Hospitall be then dead, and to see and take order, that the sayde Hospitalles be ordered and kept according to the statutes and ordinaunces of the foundation thereof, and yf the founder be then lyving, the sayde founder to visite the same during his lyfe, without any the Bisshoppes visitation: and the same visitation to be at the onely costes and charges of the visitours, and not of the Hospitalls: and that it shalbe lawfull to the Bisshope of the diocesse for the tyme being, where suche Hospitall is or shalbe, or his Chauncelour, upon complaynte, or other intelligence of iuste cause, to examine howe the rentes, reuenues, and profites of any such Hospitall hath bene bestowed and spent, to call before

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hym or them at the sayde Hospital to accompt, al such person and persons as haue had the collection or receipt of any the last rents, issues, reuenues, or profites. And yf any person or persons so called, shal, and do refuse to accompt, or enterpyng into accompt, shall refuse to p[ro]ceede and finishe the same, or vpon the shewyng thereof, shall refuse forthwith to employ or aunswere to the use of the sayde Hospital, suche summe or summes of money, as vpon the same accompt shal appeare to be due by hym: that then euery suche person and persons so refusing, shal forseyte and lose suche summe and summes of money, as to the sayde Byschoppe or Chauncelour, and to two Justices of the peace next inhabytyng to the sayde Hospital, shalbe thought meete and convenient, to whiche accomptes, the sayde Byschoppe or Chauncelour, shall cal the same two Justices of peace.

Wherby also, and be it further enacted by the auctorith shewyd, that no person or persons, hauyng charge of any wyge in passing from the Realme of Ireland, or from the Isle of Manne, into this Realme of Englande, do from the laste day of June nexte commyng, willynglye or willynglye transport, carry, cary, or conueygh, or suffer to be transported, brought, caried, or conueyghed in any wygge, picarde, vessel, boate, or bootes, from and out of the sayde Realme of Irelande, or from, or out of the sayde Isle of Manne, into the Realme of Englande or Wales, or anye parte thereof, anye bacabounde, roge, or beggar, or anye suche as shalbe forced, or beryn lyke to lyue by beggyng within the Realmes of Englande or Wales, beyng borne in the Realme of Ireland, or in the said Isle of Manne, on payne of euery such person, or persons, so bringyng, transportyng, carryng, or conueyghyng, either suffring to be brought, transported, caried, or conueyghed in maner and fourme aforesayde, to forseyte and lose, or anye suche bacabounde, roge, beggar, or other person whiche shalbe found, or lyke to lyue by beggyng within this Realme of Englande or Wales, beyng transported, and set on lande in any part of Englande or of Wales, twentie shyllynges of lawfull Englyshe money to the use of the poore of the same parische in whiche they were set on lande, to be leuied by the collectours of the same poore at the tyme beyng, by seisure and sellyng of any the goodes and cattell of the same person, whiche shal so byryng, transporte, carry, or conueygh anye suche roge, bacabounde, or beggar, or other person whiche shalbe forced, or lyke to lyue by beggyng within the Realme of Englande, or of Wales, to the value of the same forseyture, and on the payne of the same bacaboundes, roges, and beggars, to be set on lande, to be punished as the other bacaboundes and

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transported from
Ireland or the Isle
of Manne

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sturdy beggers, in this acte before mentioned and declared.

And be it by the same enacted, yf any suche manlike or wryghte poore, bacabounde, or begger, ben already, or shal at any time hereafter be set on lande in any part of England or of Wales, the same shalbe conveyed to the next port in or neere whiche they were landed, and from thence be transported at the common charge of the Countie where they were set on land, into those partes from whence they came, or were transported.

Also be it provided, that yf any manner of person, shal hereafter finde hym or her selfe greued with any taxation set upon them by virtue of this acte, it shalbe lawfull for them at the next general Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same County where their taxation shalbe, to make complaint thereof to the Justices of the bench, and so be eased of their excessive charge, by the discretion of the whole bench, or the most of them. And yf any default shalbe hereafter founde in any Justices of peace, or Quorum, in or about the execution of this acte, every of the sayde Justices, upon proove of their sayde default by two sufficient witnesses before the Justices of Assise, at the next general Sessions of peace to be holden for the same Countie, after the same default, shall forfeit and lose five poundes of lawfull Englishe money, the one halfe wherof to be to the use of the sayde poore people of the same Countie, and the other halfe to the Queenes Maestie, whiche shalbe to be levied by distresse, by the discretion of the sayde Justices of Assises.

The punishment of the Justices of the peace

And where as a great number of poore and diseased people do resort to the Citie of Bathe, in the Countie of Sommerset, and the Towne of Buckstone, in the Countie of Derby, for some ease and reliefe of their diseases at the bathes there, and by meanes thereof, the inhabitants of the same Citie of Bathe, & Towne of Buckstone, are greatly overcharged with the same poore people, to their intollerable charge: be it enacted by the auctoritie wherof, that no diseased or impotent poore person, living on any tyme after the feast of saint Bartholome the Apostle, next comming, shal resort or repaire from thence dwelling to the sayde Citie of Bathe, and Towne of Buckstone, or any of them, to the bathes there for ease of their greefe, unless the same person be not only licensed so to do, by two Justices of the peace of the Countie where suche person dooth or shal then dwell, but also provided for by the inhabitants of such hundred, parishes, or places from whence they shal so be licensed to resort, of suche reliefe for and to be given by maintenance, as shall be necessary for the same person, for the tyme of such his abode in the sayde Citie of Bathe and Towne of Buckstone, or eyther

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of them, and retorne home agayne as shalbe limited by the same licence, vpon payne to be reputed, punished, and bled as bacaboundes, by the puruewe of this estatute: and that the inhabitauntes of the same Citty and Towne, shall not in any wyse be charged by this acte, with the finding or reliefe of any such poore people.

And for the better performance of this charitable act, it is ordeyned and established by authoritie aforesayde, that whereas the late King of famous memorie, King Henry the eighth, his heyres or liccesours, or any other person or persons, hereafter by his or theys lictual and lawfull erections and foundations, hath or have ordeyned or appointed any summe or summes of money, rentes, reliefs, or commoditie to the use of the poore, or for the payring or mending of hygh wayes or bridges, not being then away other wyse by acte of Parliamente, whether the same be in any Cathedral Church, Colledge, or els where, that the byshop of the diocesse, or his Chancellours, within whiche the sayde Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, and the Iudices of the peace of the Countie within the whiche the sayde Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, by three of them (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shall have authoritie from time to time to examine howe and after what manner the sayde money, rent, relief, or commoditie is bestowed: and to call to accompt the parties whiche do detayne the sayde money, rentes, or reliefe, and thereupon to take suche order for the distribution of the same, as to their discretions shall seeme most fitt and agreeable to the good intent of the foundours, geyvers, or graunters, and thereof to make certificate in the hygh Court of Chancerie once in every year.

Gaoler.

And provided alwayes, that whereas by reason of this act, the common gaules of every shyre within this Realme, are to be greatly pestered with a more number of prisoners then was wonte hath bene, for that the sayde bacaboundes and other idle persons before rected, that vpon their apprehention be committed to the common gaule of the same shyre where they are taken and apprehended, and that in most shires of this Realme the common gaules are in such Townes where there be a great number of poore people, more then they are wel able to susteine with their reliefe, and in some shires the assises are kept farre distant from the place where the common gaules are, by reason whereof the sayde prisoners are lyke to starue for want of sustenance, they be not therefore provided.

For remedie whereof, be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may be lawfull for the Iudices of peace of every shyre within this Realme, at their general quorum

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sessions of the peace to be holden within the same shires, or the
most part of the said Justices being then present, to rate and take
every parishes within the sayde shires, at such reasonable summes
of money, for and towarde the reliefe of the sayde prisoners, as
they shall thinke convenient by their discretions: so that the sayd
satisfaction and rate dooth not exceede above sixe pence, or eyght
pence by the weeke out of every parishes: and that the Church-
wardens of every parishes within this Realme for the time being,
shal every Sunday leuie the same, and once every quarter in the
yeere pay to the hye constables, or head officers of every Towne,
Parishes, Hundred, Riding, or wapentake within this Realme,
all such summes of money, as their parishes shalbe rated and tax-
ed, for and towarde the reliefe of the sayde prisoners within their
seuerall parishes: And that the sayde high Constables and
head officers, and every of them, shal pay all suche summes of mo-
ney to them payd by the sayde Churchwardens, at every gene-
rall quarter Sessions to be holden within the sayd seuerall shires,
to such sufficient persons dwelling nigh the sayd gaoles, as shal-
be appointed by the sayde Justices in their sayde open quarter
sessions, to be there ready to receiue the sayd money so collected, as
is aforesayde. And that the Collectours for the said prisoners, shal
weekly distribute and pay all suche summes of money, as they
and any of them shal receiue for the reliefe of the sayd prisoners,
as aforesayde, hypon payne aswell the sayde Churchwardens of
every parishes, Constables and head officers of every Hundred, or
wapentake, as also the sayde Collectours appointed for the col-
lection and contribution of the sayd prisoners, so making default,
as aforesayde, to forfeite five poundes, the one moytie thereof
shalle to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and succes-
sors, and the other moytie to the reliefe of the prisoners: any
statute, lawe, custome, vse, or other thynge to the contrary in any
wise notwithstanding. And wherfore, that the Justices of peace within any
County of this Realme or waales, shal not intronit or enter into
any Cite, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, where be any Ju-
stices of peace, for any suche Cite, Borough, place, or
Towne corporate, for the execution of any braunche, article, or
clause of this act, for or concerning any offence, matter, or cause
arising or aryling within the precincts, liberties, or iurisdic-
tion of such Cite, Borough, place, or Towne corporate: but that it
may and shalbe lawful to the Justice, and Justices of peace, Ma-
yor, Bailiff, and other head officers of those Cities, Boroughes,
and Townes corporate, where there be Justice, or Jus-
tices, to proceede to the execution of this acte, within the precincts

and compasse of theyr liberties, in suche manner and forme as the Justices of peace in any Countie, may or ought to doo within the same Countie by vertue of this acte: any matter or thyng in this acte expresse to the contrary thereof, not withstanding.

And that every Justice and Justices of the peace, within every suche Citie, Borough, Place, and Towne corporate, for every offence by them, or any of them to be committed contrary to the intent and meaning of this statute, shalbe punishable, and chargeable as other Justices of peace at large in the Counties, are by this acte aboute appoynted to be.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf it shal chaunce any Citie or Towne corporate, to have in it more poore folkes then the inhabitants thereof shalbe able to releene, that in suche case hypon certifficat thereof made, and of the number and names of the personnes within which they be so surcharged, unto the Justices of the peace of the Countie in whiche suche Citie or Towne corporate shal be and be situate, at their quarter sessions of the peace, by two Justices of peace of the sayde Countie, and the Mayor or other head officer of the same Citie or Towne corporate, the Justices may by their discretions in the same sessions, take order, appoynt, and the same poore folke so certiffied, to be provided for, and releued, by getting of licence to begge, or other wyse, in some other place or places of the sayde countie, out of suche citie or towne corporate so surcharged.

Provided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, shal not extende to the poore people, for the tyme being in the hospitall, called Saint Thomas hospitall, other wyse called the kynges hospitall in the Borough of Southwarke, neare adjoyning to the Citie of London, but that the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the sayde Citie of London for the tyme being, shal and may only have the rule, order, and government of the sayde hospitall, and of the poore people therein for the tyme being: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, not withstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, or any authoritie thereby given, shal not in any wyse extende to dismember, prejudice, or hinder John Dutton, of Dutton, in the Countie of Chesser esquire, his heires or assigns touching, or concerning any libertie, privilege, preeminence, authoritie, jurisdiction, or inheritance, whiche the sayde John Dutton now lawfully doeth or hath, or lawfully may or ought to use within the Countie palatine of Chesser, and the Countie of the Citie of Chesser, or eyther of them, by reason of any ancient chartres of any kynges of this lande, or by reason of any prescription

cordyng to the sayde licence, be not so materiall, but that the same shall by the subsequent acte, (that is to say) by the not returning of the saide partie, according to the sayde licence, be sufficiently prooued, without any further matter.

For auoydying of whiche doubtes: be it declared, and explained, and ordeyned by auctorite of this Parliament, that during so long tyme as her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, shalbe entitled to haue the sayde profites by vertue of the sayde statute, she and they may let and lette, and make grauntes by coppy of Court roule, and vial wood sales, and other thynges, to all intents and purposes, as a tenant pour terme dauter vic lawfully may do.

And further, that the sayde determination, whiche is but a secreete thought of the fugitive, whatsoeuer his woordes or beahe be, is not materiall, but that the acte and deede subsequent, viz. the not returning of euery suche fugitive according to this licence, and not hauing suche let or excuse, as by the sayde statute is allowed (without any further matter) was, is, and shalbe taken and deemed a sufficient prooue of the precedent determination of the same partie not to returne according to his licence: any thyng to the contrary hereof in any wyse, not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all suche rentes, revenues, issues, profites, and other thynges, as already be comen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture mentioned or expressed in the saide former acte and statute, or declared by this acte, shalbe and beare yearlyly vnto the Queenes Maiestie in the Court of Exchequer, and shalbe in the order, suruey, and rule of the same Court: and that the Treasourer, Chancelour, and Barons of the sayde Court, or the more part of them for the tyme being, whereof the Treasourer, or Chancelour to be one, shall and may doe, and cause to be donne, all and euery such acte and chyng, as they shal thinke meete and convenient to be donne, made, ordeyne, for the beaueing, custodie, receyuing, orderyng, and beaueing, according to her Maiesties commodite and profite, of all such rentes, revenues, issues, profites, and other thynges, as now be comen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture aforesayde, according to the true intent and meaning of the sayde former acte, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all such rentes, revenues, issues, profites, and other thynges, as now be comen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture aforesayde, shall and may be sold, lette, or otherwise disposed of, by the Treasourer, Chancelour, and Barons of the sayde Court, or the more part of them for the tyme being, whereof the Treasourer, or Chancelour to be one, shall and may doe, and cause to be donne, all and euery such acte and chyng, as they shal thinke meete and convenient to be donne, made, ordeyne, for the beaueing, custodie, receyuing, orderyng, and beaueing, according to her Maiesties commodite and profite, of all such rentes, revenues, issues, profites, and other thynges, as now be comen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture aforesayde, according to the true intent and meaning of the sayde former acte, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

profits wherof, the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successors in any wyse is, or hereafter shalbe entituled, eyther by auctorite of the sayde former estatute of fugitives, or by this estatute, shalbe from hencefoorth within the suruey, dimissing, and order of the Court of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, in such manner a fourme, as other the premises be assigned or appoynted by auctorite of this acte, or by the sayde former acte, to be in the suruey, dimissing, and order of the sayde Court of Exchequer: and that the transcripte of all offices and inquisitions concerning the premises to be within the suruey, dimissing, and order of the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe certified and recorded in the sayde Court of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thing eyther in the sayde former acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An act against the deceiptes

of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and sub-

sidies of the Cleargie.

Chapter. vij.



OR auoydyng and redresse

of great deceiptes donne to the Queenes Maiestie, and to the Prelates and Cleargie of this Realme, by vnder Collectours of the tenthes and subsidies of the Cleargie, appointed by and vnder the Archbishops and Bishops of this Realme, and Deanes and Chapters (Sede vacante) Be it enacted, that the statute made in the xiii. yere of her Maiesties

right, to make the landes, tenementes, goodes, and catayles of Collectours, as to be liable to the payment of their debtes, unto assentes and purposes, as amply & largely extende, and be enlarged to extende to all suche vnder Collectours of tenthes and subsidies of the Cleargie, and to their landes, tenementes, goodes, and catayles, for satisfying of money as they haue collected, or shall collect of the sayde tenthes and subsidies, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie her heyres or successors (of what yearly summe so euer the charge of their collection is, or shalbe) in the fourme as is dooth containe in the Statute, Receiuers, and other personnes accomptant, whom the sayde acte specially and expressely concerneth, and

and in as ample wyse, as yf suche vnder Collectours were immediately accountable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or assignes: any provision in the said statute, or other matter to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that every such vnder Collector, shal upon proccesse be awarded out of the court of Exchequer, be chargeable to account for his receipts of suche tenthes and subsidies, as any Receiver immediately accountable to her Maiestie, is or ought to be: and that every Archbyschoppe and Byschop, and Deane and Chapter (Sede vacante) to whose charge the collection of suche tenthes or subsidies dooth, or shal apperteyne, shal be discharged of so much of the said tenthes & subsidies, as shal be satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, of or by the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes or cattayles, of suche vnder Collector or his heyres, without any other warrant whatsover, in that behalfe to be obteyned.

An acte for the auoydyng

*of recoveries suffered by collusion by tenaunties
for terme of life, and suche others.*

Chapter. viij.



HERE diuers persons being seised, or that had ben seised of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as tenaunties by the curtesie of Englande, tenaunties in taylor after possibilitie of the extincte, or other wyse, or for terme of life or liues, or of claus determinable vppon lifetymes, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persons by agreement or couene to become them had, to recover the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes, against the same particuler tenaunties, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, or haue permitted and suffered them selues to be bought by other persons, by agreement or couene between them had, in recoveries suffered of the same landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, to the great prejudice of thole to whom the reuertion or remainder therof shal apperteyne, or bought to apperteyne.

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for remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maestie, with the assent of the lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, that all suche recoveries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforesayde, agaynst any suche particuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the same particuler tenaunt is, or hereafter shalbe seised of any suche particuler estate, as is aforesayde, or agaynst any other with boucher ouer of any suche particuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had ryght or title to any suche particuler estate or tenauncie, as is aforesayde, shall from hencefoorth, as agaynst suche person or personnes to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof, by force of any contrauance or deuise before that tyme had or made, shall, ought, or lawfully may apperteyne, and agaynst their heyres and successors, be clearly and betterly boide and of none effect: any law or usage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, shal extend, or be prejudiciall to any person or persons, that shal hereafter by good title recouer any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, without fraud or couine, by reason of any former right or title: but that al and euery suche recouerie, and recoueries, so to be had or prosecuted vpon former rightes or titles, shall stand and be in like force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Bounden also, that all and euery suche recouerie and recoueries, to be had or prosecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, as aforesayde, by the assent and agreement of any person or persons, to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof shal be due or ought to apperteyne (so that the same assent & agreement be appare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maestie, her heyres or successors) shall stand and be in like force, strength, and of like effect, agaynst suche person and persons that shall so assent and agree: their heyres and successors, as they were before the making of this acte: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that one acte made in the xxii. yere of our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eighth, entituled, An acte for the apoynting of recoveries by compellment by tenaunt for terme of ye, shalbe from the first day of the next ensuing repealed, and shall no longer stand in force.

An acte declaring that the *tenaunt and defendaunt, may haue a tales de circumstantibus, aswell as the de- maundant or plaintife.*

Chapter. ix.



DOR the auoyding of great and chargeable delayes oftentimes happening vnto tenants and defendantes: be it enacted, that in all cases whereas the partie plaintife or demaundant by any statute heretofore made, may haue vpon his or their request made vnto the Iustices of Noll prius, within this Realme of England, vnto the Iustices of Eyre, or of assises, of the twelve hyrces of Wales, and of the countie palatines of Lancaster, Chester, and Durban, a tales de circumstantibus, that in al and every such case and case, the partie and parties, tenantes, actours, and waunters, and defendantes (yf the plaintifes or demaundantes shall vpon the calling of the principal pannel or Iurie, sothe are or refuse to paye the same) shall and may vpon his or their request or delere, haue vpon the same recorde, and by the same Iustices, the tales or taleses vnto them graunted, in like manner, tourme, and vnto all respectes and purposes, as the plaintife or demaundant in any suite or action, may haue the same by any statute or ordinance heretofore made, or let forth, and the rather for the better tryal of the issue and issues layned, or hereafter to be layned in any plice, suite, or action: any lawe, custome, or blage heretofore made to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

It is provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesayde, that in all populer actions, informations, or suites, commenced or had, or hereafter to be commenced or had in any the Queenes Maiesties courtres of recorde, vpon any pcell lawes or statutes, wherein any personne dooth, or shall be, or prosecute, or in tourme, aswell for the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, as for hym selfe, whereupon the same shall be layned to be tryed by the Countrey, that therein the partie defendaunt, or defendantes, shall be admitted to pray and haue a tales de circumstantibus, as in other cases aforesayde.

An Acte to refourme the
excessive length of karsies.

Chapter.x.



HERE as within this

Realme of Englande, karsies, called ordinarie karsies, haue not, nor doo not vsually contayne a boutie seuentene yardes, and the finer sort, called forting karsies, not aboute eyghtene yardes, and according to the proportion of the sayde lengthes, the weyght hath ben limited by the statutes now remaynyng in force for true making of woollen karsies: and

where the Queenes Maiestie hath ben, is, and ought to be assured of her Maiesties customes and subsidies of the sayde karsies, according to the number of pecces, or whole karsies, and not according to the quantitie or number of yardes, in euery of the sayde karsies conteyned: and where certayne marchaunte strangers, and others, vsing the trade of transporting karsies by way of merchandise beyonde the seas, haue of late deuised and procured to haue karsies made of much greater lengthes, as of xlv. and lxx. yardes and more, and intende, as it may be wel gathered, to haue them made of greater length from tyme to tyme, by which policy they doo not only deceiue the Queenes Maiestie of one part of her customes and subsidies due for the same karsies, in that euery two karsies nowe paying custome but for two karsies, so by the sayde means contayne more then three karsies, that nowe want to pay custome for three karsies: but also the poore makers, weauers, and other workemen, occupying making of the sayde karsies, are little or nothyng more considered in theyr wages for making of the sayde long karsies: Moreover, the merchants of Englande vsing the trade of bying the sayde vsuall ordinarie sortes, or others, are easely eaten by and vndonne by the sayde strangers, for that the sayde strangers conueying by deceipte so muche of her Maiesties custome, are able by selling beyonde the seas vnder the Englishe marchauntes price, to drawe all the Englishe marchauntes to losse, and Englishe subiectes makers of ordinarie karsies, are by the sayde subtile aduantage dynen from theyr trade, and likely to be shortly

shortly enforced to chaunge their Loumes, Wylles, and other instruments, for that no other sort of harties, in respect of the gayne in deceiuing her Maiestie, are likely to be vsually bought, whiche we devise is to the great defrauding of her Maiestie, to the binding of her subiectes, the Englishe marchauntes, and of the Clothiers vsing the making of harties, and of an infinite number of poore families sustented by woorkemanndy about the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes highnesse, the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next ensuing, it shal not be lawfull for any person or persons, vsing, or that shal be the trade of making of harties, to make or cause to be made any harties of the sorte called ordinarie harties, or any sortyng harties, or any other harties, by what name or names so ever they be called, above the length of eyghteene yardes at the moste, to be measured by yarde and ynche, beyng redy made: but that all harties shalbe made of the sayde vsuall lengthes, and according to the proportion of weyghte limited by the statute in that behalfe made and moulded in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the reaignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, bypon payne that every person or persons, that shal make, or cause to be made, any suche harties of more or greater length then eyghteene yardes, shall forfeite for every suche hartie, s. l. s. the one moortie wherof shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moortie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by bill, plaint, or information, in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Recorde, wherein no essoiene, protection, or wages of law, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided, that yf any hartie or harties beyng purposely made to contayne eyghteene yardes in length, and no more, shal by occasion happen to contayne above eyghteene yardes, and under ninetee or yardes in length, that the maker or makers of any suche hartie or harties, shall not incurre the penaltie here concerned, any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the continuation, explanation, persfiting, and enlarging of diuers statutes.

Chapter. xj.



Here in the parliament holden bypon prorogation at westminster the fourth day of februarye, in the. xliiii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, one acte was there made, entituled, An acte to continue, and renew the act made agaynst kyllyng of Calues: and one other acte, entituled, An acte agaynst kyllyng of young beastes, called waynysngs.

And where in the session of a Parliament ended at westminster in the first day of februarie, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixth, one acte was made concernyng the buyng and sellng of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there bye wyse made, entituled, An acte for the buyng and sellng of butter and cheese. And where also an acte was made in the first session of the Parliament, holden in the fyfth yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the maintenance and encrease of Tyllage. And where also in the Parliament begunne at westminster in the. xliiii. day of January, in the first yere of the raigne of the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and there continued by prorogation vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the preservation of spawne and frye of fysh. And where also in the first session of the Parliament begunne and holden at westminster, in the fyfth yere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and from thence continued by prorogation vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte

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was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the auoyding of diuers forrayne wares, made by handcraftes men beyond the seas: and one other acte, entituled, An acte for the punishment of suche persons as shoulde procure or commit any wyllfull perurie, whiche actes were limited to endure to thende of the next Parliament. And where also in the last session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, in the eyght yere of the raigne of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that nowe is, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for Bowyers, and the prices of bowes, and was made to continue to thend of the first session of the next Parliament: and also one other acte was then made, entituled, An acte for the preservation of game: All whiche seuerall actes and statutes were made to continue, but for certayne tymes: and all whiche actes made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Edward the sixth, and in the sayd first, fifth, and eyght yeres of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, were at the last Parliament holden at Westminster the seconde day of Apryll, in the thirteenth yere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, made to continue and stande in force vnto thende of the next Parliament then next folowynge. And where also in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the seconde day of Apryll, in the thirteenth yere of the raigne of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, one acte and statute was then and there made, for the auoyding and abolishing of fained, couenous, and fraudulent feoffamentes, gyftes, grauntes, alienations, conueyaunces, bondes, suites, iudgementes, and exactions, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent deedes, gyftes, grauntes, alienations, &c. whiche acte and statute was then made to endure vnto thende of the first session of the next Parliament, as by the sayde acte moze playnely wyll appeare. And where also in the saide Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the sayde seconde day of Apryll, there was also one other acte and statute made for the auoyding of some leasles in certayne cases to be made of Ecclesiasticall promotions with cure, entituled, An acte touchynge leasles of benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall lyuinges with cure, whiche acte was lyke wyse made to continue to thende of the next Parliament. And where also there was one other acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament, begunne and holden at Westminster the sayde seconde day of Apryll, in the sayde thirteenth yere, entituled, An acte that purueys

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purveyours may take grayne, corne, or victualles within five miles of Cambridge and Oxforde in certayne cases, whiche acte was made lyke wyse to continue to the last day of the next Parliament.

And where in the statute made in the thirteenth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, entituled, An acte for the reuivynge and continuance of certayne statutes, is conteyned one prouiso, that the sayde acte concerning the auoyding of forren wares made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas, or any clause, article, or meanyng therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse extend or be prejudicial to any entercourse, or treatise of any entercourse then standyng in force, had, or made betweene the progenyours of the Queenes Maiestie, or her hyghnesse, and any others, So we for good consyderations, and specially that straungers may not be at libertie, and the Queenes Maiesties naturall subiectes restrained: be it enacted that the sayde prouiso, and every clause, article, and matter therein conteyned, shall from hencefoorth be repelled, and utterly boyde.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that these woordes (so soone as it, or any part thereof, shall come to any possession or vse aboue forbidden, or) whiche woordes are conteyned in the sayde statute made in the sayde thirteenth yeere, touchyng leases of benefices, and other ecclesiasticall livynges with cure, shall not be reuivued by this acte, but remaine discontinued, and shall from hencefoorth be omitted out of the sayde acte, any thyng in the sayde acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And where sundry euyl disposed persons, haue defrauded the true meanyng of the sayde last mentioned statute, made in the sayde xiii. yeere, by bondes and couenantes of suffering other persons to enioy ecclesiasticall livynges, and the frutes thereof, for that suche bondes and couenantes are not in lawe taken to be lasses: although in deede they amount to as muche: be it enacted, that all bondes, contractes, promises, and couenantes hereafter to be made for suffering or permitting any person to enioy any benefice, or ecclesiasticall promotion with cure, or to take profites or frutes thereof, other then such bondes and couenantes, as shall be made for assurance of any lease heretofore made, shall be to all intentes and purposes adiudged of suche force and validitie, and not other wyse, as leases by the same persons made of suche benefices and ecclesiasticall promotions with cure.

And be it further declared and enacted, that all leasses, bondes, promyses, and couenauntes of and concerning benefices and ecclesiasticall livinges with cure, to be made by any curate, shalbe of no other, nor better force, validitie, or continuance, then if the same had ben made by the beneficed person him self, that dimised, or shall dimise the same to any suche Curate.

And where in one other acte made in the said thirteenth yere, entituled, An acte agaynst fraudulent gyftes, to the intent to decrease dilapidations of ecclesiasticall livinges, and for leasles to be graunted by Collegiat Churches, there is one braunch to moove certayne leasses to be made by maisters and fellows of Colledges, Deanes and Chapters of Cathedral or Collegiat Churches, maisters or gardians of any Hospitall, or by any Parson, Vicar, or any other hauring any spirituall or ecclesiasticall living: be it enacted, that the sayde braunche, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall not extende to any graunt, assurance, or lease of any houses belonging to any the persons or bodies politique or corporate aforesayde, nor to any groundes to suche houses apperteyning, whiche houses be situate in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, or the suburbes of any of them, but that al such houses and groundes may be graunted, dimised, and assured, as by the lawes of this Realme, and the severall statutes of the sayde Colledges, Cathedral Churches and Hospitales, they lawefully myght haue benne before the making of the sayd statute, or lawfully myght be, if the sayde statute were not, so alway that suche house be not the Capitall or dwelling house for the habitation of the persons abovesayde, nor haue ground to the same belonging, aboue the quantitie of tenne acres, any thing in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that all summes of money hereafter to be recovered, for, or in name of dilapidations, by sentence, composition, or otherwyle, shall within two yeres after such receipt, be truly employed vpon the buyldynges & reparacions in respect whereof such money for dilapidations shalbe payde, on paine that every person so receyving, and not employing as aforesayd, shal forfeite double as muche, as so shal be by hym receyved, and not employed, the whiche forfeiture shalbe to the use of the Queenes Maestie, her heyres and successors.

Provided alway and be it enacted, that no lease shalbe permitted to be made by force of this acte in reversion, nor without refering

the accustomed yearly rent at the least, nor without cha-
rging the lessee with the reparations, nor for longer terme then
fourteene yeeres at the most: nor any houses shalbe permitted to be
aliened, buttelle that in recompence thereof, there shalbe afore,
and presently after such alienation, good lawfull & sufficient
advantage made in fee simple absolutely to such Colleges, hou-
ses, houses, poistike or corporate, and their successors, of landes of
good value, and of as great yearly value at the least, as to shal
be aliened: any Statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And inasmuche as all the same severall actes and statutes,
and every of them, do seeme good, beneficial, and needefull to be
longer continued for the weale and profite of this Realme: he is
therefore now enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie,
with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the
Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the au-
thoritie of the same, that the same severall actes and statutes, and
every of them, and all and every article, clause, and sentences in
them and every of them contayned, shall continue, be, and endure
in full force and effect, untill the ende of the next Parliament.

An acte for the repeale of statute made Anno. viij. of the. Queenes Ma- iesties raigne, touching the towne of Shrewesburie.

Chapter. xij.



HERE at the Parliament hol-
den at Westminster the last day of Septem-
ber, in the eyght yeere of the raigne of our
Soveraigne Lady the Queenes most excel-
lent Maiestie, there was an acte made, en-
titled, An acte touchyng Drapers, Cotter-
ners, & frizers, in the Towne of Shrewes-
burie, in the Countie of Salop: and in the

same acte there is conteyned matter then supposed for the bene-
fite of the said Towne of Shrewesburie, in aduancing the co-
poration of Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryers of the said Towne.
And it was thereby enacted, that from and after the feast of Ea-
ster then next ensuing, no maner person or persons whatsoever,
inhabiting and dwelling within the said Towne of Shrewes-
burie, or the liberties or franchises of the same Towne, (other then
suche as then had, or then after shoulde serue as apprentice in the
occupation or science of Drapers, or then had being, or then after
shoulde be free of the sayde science or mysterie) shoulde occupy, ex-
ercise, or frequent the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science of buy-
ing of the said welsh cloth, or linyng, cottons, fryzes, or playnes,
nor haue any factour or doer for him or them in the same, nor by
any colour, engin, or fraude, buye any of the said fryzes, linyngs,
cottons, and playnes, vpon paine that every person or persons in-
habiting, as is aforesayde, and occupying, buying, or exercising the
said trade, arte, mysterie, occupation, or science of buying of welsh
clothes and linynges, &c. and not aucthorised by the acte, shoulde
lose a forfaiture for every peece of the said clothes bought, &c.

And where sithence the making of the sayde acte, experience
hath plainly taught in the sayde Towne, that the sayde acte hath
not only not brought the good effect that then was hoped and
surmised, but also hath ben, and now is lykely, to be the very
greatest cause of the impoverishing and vndoing of the poore ar-
tifiers and other, at whose suite the sayde acte was procured, for
that there be now sithence the making of the sayd statute, much
fewer persons to let them a doo, then before: and by restray-
nyng all other inhabitours of the sayd Towne of Shrewesburie,
from the former lawfull trade ever heretofore bled of buying of
welsh clothes, fryzes, cottons, linynges, and playnes (leaving
the same neuerthelesse free for all the subiectes of Englande
without any restraynt, saving for the sayde inhabitants of the
Towne of Shrewesburie, and the liberties and franchises of the
same Towne only) hath ben the evident occasion of great decay,
not only to the said Towne, and the liberties and franchises
of the same, but also to a great and infinite number of poore peo-
ple in Northwales, that is to say, in the Countie of Mountgo-
mery, Denbigh, Merioneth, and also the Towne of Oswestry,
and the greatest part of the Countrey there aboutes, where the
sayde welsh clothes, fryzes, cottons, linynges, and playnes are
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made and solde, whiche were wont to be maynteyned and relieved by trade of making or working of the sayde fryzes, cottons, &c. contrary to the expectation that then was wrongfully conceived.

Be it therefore, at the humble suite of the inhabitants of the sayde Towne, and also of the sayde artificers for whose benefite the sayde acte was suppoled to be provided, enacted, that the sayde acte, and all the matter in the sayde acte conteyned, shall from henceforth be repealed and made voyde: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that so muche of the sayde statute of the eight yeres of our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene's Maiestie that noweth, and every article and braynche therein conteyned, as toucheth the present and ready payment of money to Sbrewmen, Cottoners, and Fryzers, for their worke, & also as toucheth the restraint of suche as shall, or doe occupie or use the trade of buying of fryzes, cottons, or playnes, from the use or exercise of the facultie of fryzing or cottoning, shall stande and be in force: any thing in this statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the annexing of Hexham and Hexhamshire to the Countie of Northumber- lande.

Chapter. xiiij.



WHERE for the space of diners
yeres now past, the Queene her high-
nesse, and her most noble and dearly
beloued father king Henry the eighth,
king Edward the sixth her highnesse
brother, Queene Marie her late sister,
as in the right of the imperiall crowne
of this Realme of Englande, by rea-
son of one exchaunge had, and passed
betweene the sayd late king Henry the
eighth,

right, and the late reverend father Robert Archebishop of Domes
 in the yere of the most noble raigne of the sayd late King Hen
 ry, haue ben. and her maistie yet is sealed of and in the staunces
 and libertie of Berham and Berhamshire, lying within the booke
 and mydle of the Countie of Northumberlande, whiche sayde li
 bertie a territorie, when it was in the handes of the sayde Arche
 bishop, was commonly termed a named a Countie Salween
 where in right or prooffe there was none liche, yet by reason of
 that errour, ever since; and yet, there hath ben, and are divers opi
 nions, besides some question and doubtles, whether the sayde ter
 rie and territorie of Berham and Berhamshire, should and ought
 to be part of the sayde Countie of Northumberland, or otherwise
 exempted: and whether the dwellers a inhabitours there, should
 and ought to be iustifiable, and answer to iustice as other of the
 sayde Countie of Northumberland are, and ought, or not: and the
 like question and doubt yet is, and remaineth By reason wherof,
 not onely Plees of the Crowne, and suites betwixt partie a partie
 have suffered continuall delays, lets, and also haue had no ende of
 tryall, and delays, the most a greatest offendours to the Crowne a
 their Countrey, haue, a dayly runne thither as vnto a sanctuary,
 vpon hope and trust of refuge and safegarde thereby, to the great
 comfort and encouragement of many, the vile a wicked felons
 and offendours in all the North parties, and to the great offence
 of the almightie, a most manifest hinderaunce of good execution
 of lawes and iustice. In and for due remedie and redresse of such
 great enormities a apparante mischeries; may it therefore please
 the queene her Maestie, that by her highnesse, the lordes spiritual
 and temporal, a the commons in this present hygh court of Par
 liament nowe assembled, that it may be enacted, manifested, and
 declared by auctoritie of the same, that the sayd territorie fran
 chise, and libertie of Berham and Berhamshire, with the liberties
 of the same, may be, is, and shalbe from henceforth taken to be
 within, and part, parcell and member of the sayd Countie of North
 umberlande. And that as wel the Plees of the Crowne as also
 al suites betwixt partie and partie, may proceede, a haue their due
 ende and tryall within the sayde Countie of Northumberland, by
 and before the Shireffe and Coroners of the sayde Shire, and also
 before the Iustices of peace, Iustices of gaole deliuerie, Iustices
 of assise, Nisi prius, Oyer and determiner, and other officers, and
 eche and euery of them, as the case shall require, and take effectes

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as any of the like haue ben, or ought to be, which haue hapned, or shall hereafter happen within the sayd Countie of Northumberland: and that from hencefoorth the Shirife and other officers of the Countie of Northumberland, for the time being, may haue full power and authoritie to execute his or their office, and al procelles to him or them directed within Berham and Berhamshire, and liberties of the same, in as ample a large maner, as he or they may, should, or ought to do, within any other part of the said Countie of Northumberland, any graunt, priuilege, custome, vsage, libertie, or thing els whatsoever heretofore made, claymed, vsed, had, put in vye or execution, or enjoyed, to the contrarie notwithstanding. Sauing to the Bayliffe of the liberties, or other officers of the sayde Towne of Berham and Berhamshire, or the liberties therof, al liberties and priuileges for executing of procelles, returne of wyttes, and other wyle, as they or any of them of right ought to haue before the making of this acte.

A Table of certayne actes passed, Anno. xiiij.

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An Acte for the assurance of gittes, grauntes, &c. made, and to be made for the reliefe of the poore in Hospitales. &c.

An act for the assurance of certayne lands, and tenementes, accordyng to the meaning of Syr Thomas and Syr William Woodhouse, Knights, for the benefite of certayne infants.

An Act for the continuance of the fynyng of Blumsted marsh, in the Countie of Kent, beyng surrounded.

An Acte for the better & further assurance of certayne landes, and tenementes, to the mayntenaunce of the free Grammar scoole of Cumberidge, in the Countie of Kent.

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